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The staff of the Wasatch Wave, pictured here in 1889, included: Front row, left to right, George Barzee, Pearl Buys and William Buys. Back row, Ephraim McMillan, Daniel McMillan, Joseph A. Murdock, Lucinda Buys and George A. Fisher. The newspaper has been published continually since 1889.

PUBLISHING

Underlying the growth of nearly all Heber business firms has been the support of the community newspaper, the Wasatch Wave. Someone once said that the formula for business success was "Early to bed, early to rise, work like the devil and advertise." The opportunity for merchants to advertise their goods or services came in the pages of the newspaper, and certainly helped in no small way to expand community business.

The newspaper was first published in 1889 in the north room of the Court House. William H. Buys, the owner, editor and manager of the paper, worked feverishly to bring the first issue into being. The hand-set, Cheltenham light-face type had arrived late from Salt Lake City and Mr. Buys burned a lot of midnight oil to get the type set and the issue ready for the March 23, 1889 publication date.

The biggest news in the four-page first issue, of course, was the birth of the paper, which Mr. Buys said was "but a tiny ripple on the great ocean of journalism." It may have seemed "tiny" then, but the newspaper has grown in size and in service until it is considered one of the state's best weekly newspapers today.

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Daniel McMillan

Archibald Lester Buchanan, 65, Daniel McMillan, 85, died Feb. 11, 1971, in a Heber City hospital following a long illness. He was born Aug. 16, 1884, in Heber City, to William and Annie Cole. He was a first cousin of Horrell McMillan, who died March 26, 1943. Married Hyattie Watkins June 21, 1946.

Member, LDS Church. Wasatch Wave for 10 years. Printer for Water Works for eight years. Postmaster, Heber City, 1915-20. Heber and called on and called on survivors. Mrs. Helen H. Bell, Clearfield, Idaho; Mrs. Phyllis O'Toole, all children; four sisters; Mrs. Nora Redd, Utah; Mrs. George H. Redd, Utah; and Mrs. George H. Redd, Utah. Burial, Heber City Cemetery.

on the court house grounds for the 1924 celebration were used again to cook several beef and lambs and provide free sandwiches to everyone. J. W. Giles and Wesley Duke were in charge of the barbecue.

H. Clay Cummings, one of Heber's more popular mayors, was elected to office in 1928, and was the first mayor to be elected for four consecutive terms. Councilmen who were elected with him in the 1928 election included Sumner Hatch, Ralph F. Nilsson, Frederick Crook and Daniel McMillan. Velma Crook Buys was recorder and Elmer Strong continued as treasurer.

A successful cattleman, Mayor Cummings was also prominent in Church leadership as well as his civic duties. He was president of the Wasatch Stake for nearly 22 years, part of which time he also served as the mayor and later as a county commissioner.

His efforts as mayor included organization of the electric utility as the Heber Light and Power Company, paving main street, building the city's "White Way," and strengthening the fire department through the purchase of a new truck.

City officials who served with Mayor Cummings in his various terms included the following:

1930-31: J. W. Giles, Harold Stevens, Labon Hylton and Sylvan Smith, councilmen; Velma Buys, recorder and Clarence Olson, treasurer.

1932-33: Harold Stevens, Joseph Olpin, W. D. Ely, Daniel McMillan, councilmen; Clarence Olson, recorder; Effie Murdock, treasurer; Ernest Hicken, marshal and George Stanley, city attorney.

1934-35: Ralph Giles, Douglas Giles, Andrew Lindsay, Frank Epperson, councilmen; Clarence Olson, recorder; Thomas Tadd, marshal from daylight until 4 p.m.; Leonard Giles, marshal from 4 p.m. to midnight and Delbert Watson, marshal from midnight until daylight. (Marshal Tadd received \$87.50 per month, while Messers. Giles and Watson received \$55 per month.)

Another prominent cattleman became Heber's Mayor in the 1935 election when Mayor Cummings decided to run for the county commission. Livingston Clegg Montgomery, known as "L.C." won the election and took office in January of 1936.

Councilmen elected with Mayor Montgomery were Harold Stevens, Nephi Moulton, Douglas Giles, Andrew A. Lindsay and Owen F. Buell. Effie Murdock was treasurer with Leonard Giles as city marshal. City sexton and poundkeeper was William H. Bond.

Mayor Montgomery, an active Democrat, took office in the depression recovery days of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration, and implemented many work programs in Heber. Many city sidewalks were paved under the Works Progress Administration, with the government paying for labor and property owners paying for materials. Ground to build a sewer was purchased and the city waterworks was improved with Public Works Administration funds.

mitting a letter to be written, mailed, answered and returned from Salt Lake City in less than 24 hours can be chalked up in part to the credit of "Lishe" Duke who will be gratefully remembered by the people of this county as the man who saw that "the mail must go through."

When the railroad came to Heber in 1899 the Denver & Rio Grande received the mail contract on a daily basis. Fred Hayes was postmaster for a short time and then was followed by John A. Smith who served until March 1, 1915. Dan McMillan was appointed next and served until November 1, 1920. Guy Duke, a veteran of World War I was then appointed and served until December of 1922 when Jay Jensen was appointed. Maranda Smith took office as postmistress on December 18, 1923 and served until February 19, 1936, when the present postmaster, Heber M. Rasband, took office.

Star route carriers during the years have been E. J. Duke who served for more than 40 years, Elijah Davis, John Wall, Willard Davis, Ben Murdock, Jay Cummings and Stacey Wright. Rural carriers who served for more than 30 years each included Lawrence B. Duke, Adolphia R. Duke, and Max Lee.

City postal delivery was established in Heber November 1, 1946, and carriers appointed at that time were Jay O. Johnson, Ray Wright, Bert Lindsay and Garth Rasband.

Another important governmental function in Heber, though it began at first as a private need, is operation of the Heber City Cemetery.

When the east part of the townsite was surveyed in 1859 an area near the foothills in the north-east part of the valley was set aside for burial plots. During that same year an infant daughter of James and Sariah Cook died and was the first person to be buried in the area. Later that year, John Carlile was injured while crossing Provo River and died in September. He became the first adult to be buried in the cemetery.

Busy pioneer settlers had little time and even less money to maintain and beautify the graveyard as it was then called, and so it was just used as needed. Sagebrush and weeds usually covered the area during the summer, and snows and frozen ground presented another problem during winter months.

As more deaths occurred the city government took more active control over the cemetery operation and began a regular program of upkeep. The small section originally set aside for the cemetery soon became inadequate, and John Duke and his wife, Martha, heeding the problem, deeded to the city a large tract of land adjoining the cemetery. In 1940 still another tract, south of the cemetery, was purchased by the city to add to the area of the cemetery. These burial lots were to have perpetual care.

In recent years the city has installed water lines throughout the cemetery to insure green grass and have hard-surfaced the roads making travel within the cemetery much easier. These improvements have also spurred individuals on to beautification of individual plots. Beds of flowers have